# **Black River State Forest**

## Campground Maps and Information

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### **Campground Regulations**

Welcome to the Black River State Forest. These campgrounds have been designed to promote a family camping experience that protects the adjoining natural resources on the State Forest and minimizes conflict with surrounding campers. Listed below are the rules and common camping etiquette that campers must follow while enjoying their camping privileges at the Castle Mound, Pigeon Creek, East Fork, and Group campgrounds.

#### **Camping Permits**

All campers must obtain a camping permit either by self-registration or from the campground attendant prior to setting up a camp. The camping permit is not valid until full payment of all fees has been made.

Each day of a camping permit covers the period from 3:00 p.m. of the first day to 3:00 p.m. of the last day. Once a camping permit is issued, campers may switch to a different site or extend their stay after approval by the campground attendant. Any transfer or extension is subject to site availability and full payment of all fees.

No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain at a campground for a duration of more than 14 days in any three week period.

#### **Advanced Reservations**

Reservations for all reservable sites can be made by contacting Reserve America at 1-888-947-2757 or <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a>.

Reservations must be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival and no more than 11 months in advance.

- Castle Mound, Pigeon Creek and East Fork campsites can be reserved from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- ▲ Outdoor Group Camp can be reserved from mid April to November 30th.
- ▲ Indoor Group camp is open for reservations year round.

#### Campgrounds

Camping is permitted only at campsites designated with a fire ring, picnic table, and campsite post. Use of a single campsite is limited to an individual, a family, or a group of unrelated individuals not exceeding 6 persons.

Only one recreation trailer, truck camper or motor home allowed per site. There is no limit on the number of tents provided they fit within the perimeter of the site.

- ★ Castle Mound, near Black River Falls, has 35 sites including 6 with electricity.
- Pigeon Creek, northeast of Millston, offers 38 sites near the Wildcat hike/ bike/ski trails.
- £ East Fork, on the Black River, offers 24 sites on the northern edge of the Forest near Hatfield.
- Outdoor Group Camp, located near East Fork, can accommodate up to 50 individuals and provides parking for up to eight wheeled camping units.

#### **Camp Fires**

Fires are allowed in the metal fire rings provided at each site and must be of moderate

size contained to the fire ring. Firewood can be purchased at each campground. No one may possess firewood from out of state, or that originates more than 25 miles away from the campground. Campers may not cut or remove trees for firewood. Charcoal or gas grills brought by campers are permitted but careful disposal of used charcoal is required. Do not burn trash in the fire rings. Extinguish all fires before leaving.

#### **Quiet Hours**

The campground is closed between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. All noncamping visitors must leave by 11:00 p.m. Campers may not set up or take down a camping unit during closed hours. Noise on campsites must be controlled so that adjacent campers are not disturbed. All radios, stereos, instruments, idling vehicles, or other devices must be turned off. Use of generators is not permitted within any campgrounds. Motor campers may not operate engines or other equipment that produces noise. Conversations and voices must be kept low enough so that they cannot be heard at other campsites. Evening noise produces the greatest conflict among campers, so your cooperation is required.

#### **Sanitary Facilities**

Water is provided at all campgrounds. The wells are tested periodically to confirm that the water is safe from bacteria and nitrates. The only campground with access to municipal water is Castle Mound with water at the shower building provided by the Village of Brockway. Do not wash dishes or other items at the water pumps since this offers risk of contamination of the pump and water supply at this location. All wash water and other waste water must be disposed of at the dump station or vault toilet facilities. The dump station is located near the entrance to Castle Mound campground and is open from May to October each year.

Vault toilet facilities are provided at all campgrounds. Hot water, showers, and flush toilets are available seasonally at the Castle Mound campground. Please place disposable diapers, beverage containers and other trash in appropriate containers and not in the vault toilets.

Containers for trash & recyclables disposal are provided at all campgrounds for registered campers. You are encouraged to use the recycling containers for all plastics, metal or glass products. Littering or leaving trash at your site is not permitted.

#### **Motor Vehicles**

No more than two vehicles may be parked on each campsite's gravel pad and may not travel beyond any posts or barriers. All vehicles carrying campers, camping equipment, and visitors must have a valid state of Wisconsin vehicle admission sticker attached to the inside, lower left hand corner of the windshield.

Extra vehicles may be parked at designated parking lots. ATVs, UTVs, trail motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other motorized recreational vehicles may not operate in the campgrounds. These vehicles must be trailered to a nearby recreational trail parking lot.

#### **Pets**

Your pet may accompany you during your stay in the campground, but must be on a leash no longer than 8' at all times. In consideration of other campers, please clean up after your pet.

No pets are permitted in any buildings, beaches, playgrounds or picnic grounds. Barking must be controlled or the offending animal must be removed from the campground.

# Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances

All state and local laws regarding use of alcohol and drugs apply within the boundaries of the State Forest including these campgrounds. Use of alcohol by minors is not permitted. Illegal use within the campgrounds may lead to loss of camping privileges.

#### **Fireworks**

Fireworks are illegal. Anything that flies or explodes is considered a firework.

#### **Firearms**

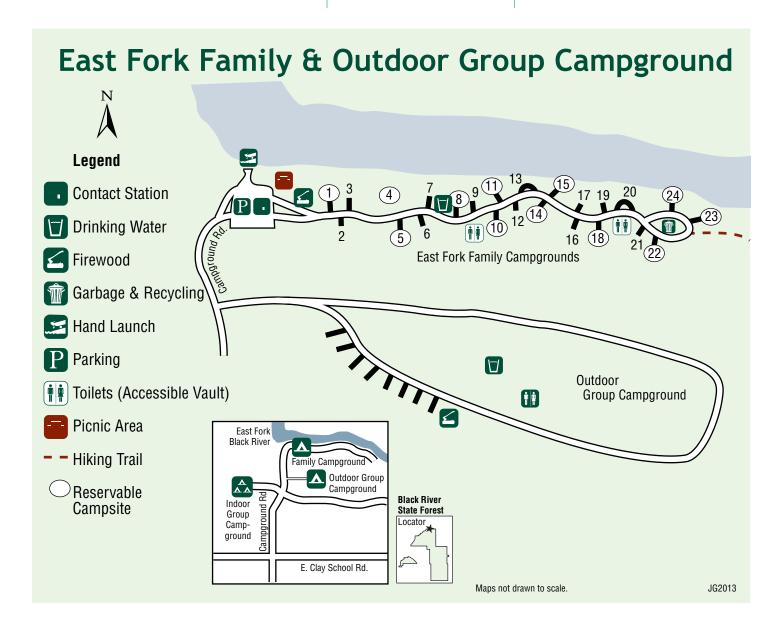
All firearms and bows must be unloaded/unstrung and cased while in any campground.

#### Security

Limited campground patrol is provided by State Forest personnel depending on the time of day and seasons. Round the clock patrol within the campgrounds is not currently provided. Please secure all valuables before leaving your campsite unattended. For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergencies please contact State Forest staff or the Jackson County Sheriff's office at 715-284-5357.

#### **Camping Privileges**

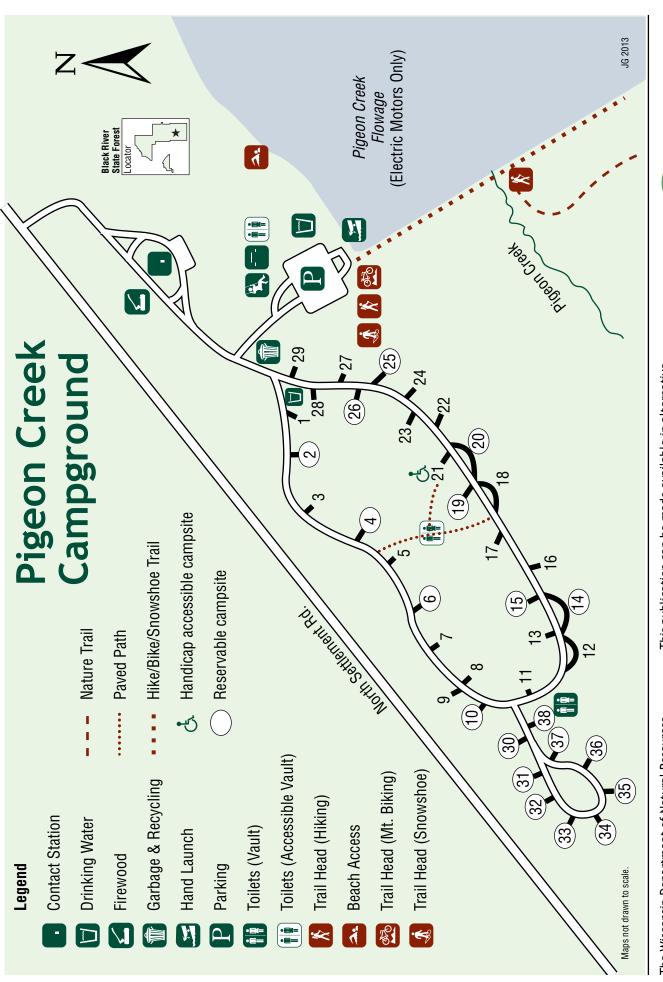
The staff of the Black River State Forest appreciates your cooperation and compliance with these camping regulations. These regulations promote family camping that is enjoyable for you and other visitors. Campers who do not comply may be subject to appropriate citations and a loss of camping privileges



# Castle Mound Campground



Maps not drawn to scale. JG 2013



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